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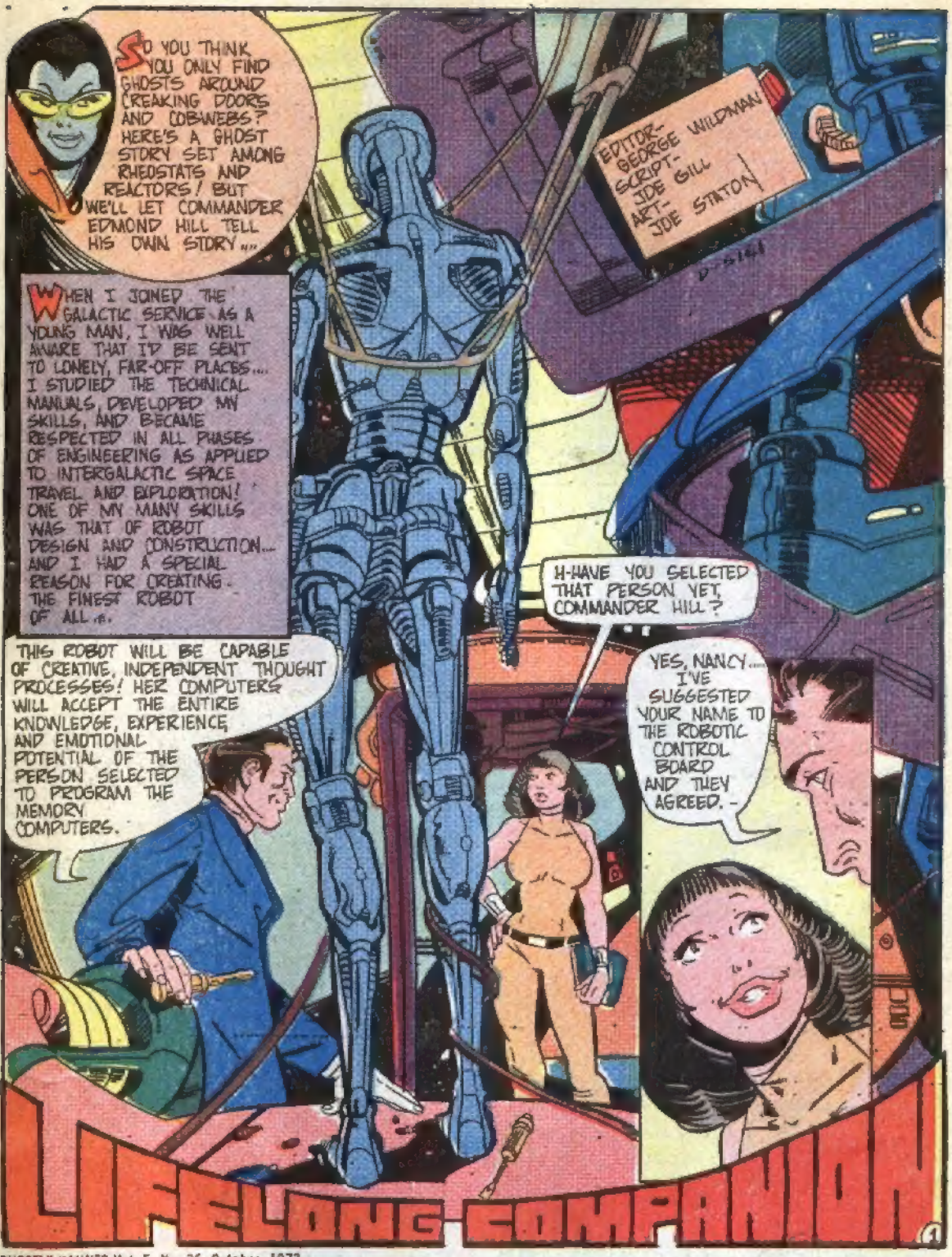
SO YOU THINK YOU ONLY FIND GHOSTS AROUND CREAKING DOORS AND COBWEBS? HERE'S A GHOST STORY SET AMONG RHEOSTATS AND REACTORS! BUT WE'LL LET COMMANDER EDMOND HILL TELL HIS OWN STORY...
EDITOR- GEORGE WILDMAN
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WHEN I JOINED THE GALACTIC SERVICE AS A YOUNG MAN, I WAS WELL AWARE THAT I'D BE SENT TO LONELY, FAR-OFF PLACES... I STUDIED THE TECHNICAL MANUALS, DEVELOPED MY SKILLS, AND BECAME RESPECTED IN ALL PHASES OF ENGINEERING AS APPLIED TO INTERGALACTIC SPACE TRAVEL AND EXPLORATION! ONE OF MY MANY SKILLS WAS THAT OF ROBOT DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION... AND I HAD A SPECIAL REASON FOR CREATING THE FINEST ROBOT OF ALL...
H-HAVE YOU SELECTED THAT PERSON YET, COMMANDER HILL?
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YES, NANCY... I'VE SUGGESTED YOUR NAME TO THE ROBOTIC CONTROL BOARD AND THEY AGREED.
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NANCY KIRBY WAS ELECTRONICALLY COUPLED TO THE ROBOTIC COMPUTERS FOR HOURS AT A TIME....
WE'RE ALMOST FINISHED, NANCY.
HOW MUCH LIKE ME WILL SHE BE, COMMANDER?
I'LL TEST BOTH YOUR RESPONSES, NANCY... AFTER I'VE GIVEN OUR CREATION HER OUTER COVERING...OR SKIN!
I'LL FINISH DRESSING HER, COMMANDER, AND I'LL CALL YOU WHEN SHE'S READY!
A FEW MOMENTS LATER....
COMMANDER HILL! SHE LOOKS EXACTLY LIKE ME!
EXACTLY, NANCY... SHE HAD TO LOOK LIKE SOMEONE, DIDN'T SHE? AND I HAD YOU RIGHT HERE TO SERVE AS A MODEL!

NOW, I'LL ASK YOU BOTH THE SAME QUESTION.... TO TEST YOUR RESPONSES....
MINE WILL BE HUMAN, COMMANDER.... MY TWIN'S WILL BE THAT OF AN AUTOMATON!
HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE ASSIGNED TO GALAXY SPACE STATION ALPHA IX WITH ME?
UH....
WELL, THAT DEPENDS, SIR, I....
IT WOULD BE PERFECT, COMMANDER HILL! I VOLUNTEER FOR THIS MISSION!
YOUR TWIN REACTS EXACTLY AS YOU DO, NANCY.... BUT SHE HAS NO FALSE SHYNESS... SHE SAYS EXACTLY WHAT SHE THINKS!
EDMOND, I.... ALL I CAN SAY IS....
..I'LL MISS YOU, EDMOND!
I'LL THINK OF YOU CONSTANTLY, NANCY!

I'LL BE ON STATION ALPHA IV FOR THREE YEARS, NANCY. WHEN I RETURN, YOU AND I....
HUSH, DARLING.... DON'T PLAN TOO FAR AHEAD...
JUST REMEMBER I'LL BE WAITING!
TEN DAYS LATER, I, WITH MY BEAUTIFUL ROBOT, WAS READY TO LEAVE EARTH FOR THE DISTANT GALAXY...
IGNITION IN 12 MINUTES, COMMANDER.
COME BACK SOON, MY DARLING!
YOU NEED TO REST, COMMANDER. I WILL NAVIGATE.
IT WAS A LONG VOYAGE TO GALACTIC STATION ALPHA IV. I WAS DELIGHTED WITH THE COMPANION I HAD CREATED....
THAT IS MOST AMUSING, COMMANDER HILL!
THE DESIGNERS DIDN'T BELIEVE I COULD INCORPORATE A SENSE OF HUMOR INTO YOU, NANCY... BUT I SUCCEEDED!
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WE RELIEVED THE THREE-MAN CREW ON ALPHA II... TURNING OVER THE SPACE SHIP FOR THE RETURN FLIGHT TO EARTH!
THERE WERE THREE OF US, HILL... AND WE ALMOST WENT BERSERK! YOU MAY HAVE TO BE RELIEVED BEFORE A MONTH GOES BY...STUCK UP HERE WITH NOTHING BUT A ROBOT!
I'LL KEEP BUSY, ROLF. THE TIME WILL PASS.
I'LL PREPARE LUNCH, SIR.
I WANT YOU TO ADDRESS ME AS EDMOND, NANCY... IT WILL SIMPLIFY COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN US.
ALL OF NANCY'S SKILLS HAD BEEN PROGRAMMED INTO HER LOVELY ROBOTIC TWIN...INCLUDING THE ABILITY TO COOK SUPERBLY!
DELIGHTFUL, NANCY....
I AM GLAD YOU LIKE IT, EDMOND.
YOU'VE DONE YOUR WORK, NANCY. I INTENDED TO TAKE THOSE READINGS AFTER I FINISHED THIS BOOK.
I AM NOT TIRED, EDMOND.
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MONTHS FLEW BY....I WROTE ARTICLES FOR TECHNICAL JOURNALS AND PURSUED EXPERIMENTS WHILE NANCY DID THE ROUTINE WORK!
HOW DID YOU KNOW I WANTED COFFEE, NANCY? THERE ARE TIMES WHEN YOU READ MY MIND!
I POSSESS TELEPATHIC POWERS, EDMOND. NOW, I AM TROUBLED.
SOMEONE VERY DEAR TO YOU ON EARTH HAS DIED, EDMOND.
HOW DO YOU KNOW, NANCY? WHO?
I....I CANNOT BE CERTAIN, EDMOND. YOU WILL BE INFORMED LATER, I THINK.
I HOPE YOU'RE WRONG, NANCY!
STILL WORRIED, I SLEPT BADLY... AND AS I SLEPT I DREAMED OF THE REAL NANCY ON EARTH!
NANCY? DARLING, I SHOULD NEVER HAVE LEFT YOU THERE.... I WANT YOU WITH ME.... ALWAYS!
WE NEVER WILL BE SEPARATED, MY LOVE...I WILL ALWAYS BE BY YOUR SIDE!
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THEN I AWAKENED... TO SEE NANCY II THERE WATCHING. I KNEW SHE KNEW...
NANCY IS DEAD, ISN'T SHE, NANCY?
NANCY KIRBY WAS KILLED PERFORMING AN EXPERIMENT, EDMOND. SHE CAME TO YOU JUST NOW, DIDN'T SHE?
H-HOW DID YOU KNOW I DREAMED OF HER?
IT WAS NO DREAM, EDMOND... SHE APPEARED TO ME AS WELL!
WHOOM!
I DECLINED TO RETURN TO EARTH THREE YEARS LATER... IN FACT, I STAYED ON AT ALPHA IV MORE THAN TWELVE YEARS...
YOUR ROBOT CAN OPERATE ALONE, COMMANDER! YOU'LL COME WITH US TO EARTH... I'VE GOT TO OPERATE OR THAT GROWTH WILL BE FATAL!
GOOD-BYE, NANCY! I'LL RETURN... I PROMISE YOU.
NO, EDMOND... YOU'VE GOT A MALIGNANT TUMOR... THEY CANNOT SAVE YOU!
WWWHRROOOM!
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I KNEW EVEN BEFORE THE DOCTORS TOLD ME.. AND I REFUSED THE OPERATION. TIME WAS SUDDENLY PRECIOUS TO ME!
WHY WORK IN THE FEW MONTHS LEFT TO YOU EDMOND?
I MADE A PROMISE..
I MUST KEEP MY PROMISE TO HER!
THEN, IT WAS FINISHED... JUST AS I'D DONE WITH NANCY AND NANCY II, NOW I IMPRINTED ALL THAT I WAS UPON THE MEMORY BANKS AND COMPUTERS OF EDMOND II!
ALL FINISHED, COMMANDER! THE ROBOT WILL FUNCTION AND REACT EXACTLY AS YOU'VE ALWAYS DONE!
I WATCHED MYSELF DIE... IT WAS A VERY WEIRD FEELING.
EDMOND HELL IS DEAD!
AND THEN I WAS SENT BACK TO ALPHA XI... MY HOME!
I PRAYED YOU'D HAVE TIME, EDMOND!
NOW, WE'LL NEVER GROW OLD.. WE'LL NEVER DIE....
...BUT WE'LL ALWAYS LOVE!

"WELCOME WEIRD ONES! DO YOU TIRE OF THOSE HUM-DRUM TALES OF OUR MODERN WORK-A-DAY WORLD? DO YOU YEARN FOR RETURN TO TRIUMPH AND TRAGEDY OF YESTERYEAR WHEN DARK SHADOWS WERE ABROAD ON THE COUNTRYSIDE, AND TORTURED SHADES OF NAMELESS DREAD LAY BROODING BEHIND CASTLE WALLS? WELL, LET'S GO TO A SMALL VILLAGE IN THE BALKANS AROUND THE TURN OF THE CENTURY FROM WHENCE I BRING YOU JUST SUCH A SAGA. READ ON AND LEARN..

WHAT CHILD IS THIS?

AWAY WITH YOU, WIFE OF ENRACK! RETURN TO YOUR EVIL MOUNTAIN TOWER! YOU ARE NOT WANTED IN OUR VILLAGE!

EDITOR GEORGE WILDMAN

STORY / ART

HER ANGRY WORDS CUT DEEPLY .. AS ALWAYS. WHY DID THEY REVILE HER SO?
YOU SUPERSTITIOUS CHILDREN! MY HUSBAND IS A MAN OF SCIENCE! EACH DAY HE TOILS TO BETTER THE LIVES OF US ALL!
NOT SO!
HE TAMPERS WITH THE FORCES OF DARKNESS! NO GOOD CAN COME OF SUCH THINGS!
FOOLS! DO YOU NOT REALIZE.
KILL IT! QUICKLY!
YES IT MUST BE DESTROYED LEST IT RISE UP AND BRING DEATH TO US ALL!!
WHAT'S GOING ON?
AN ABANDONED CHILD! AND THEY RE TRYING TO DESTROY IT!!
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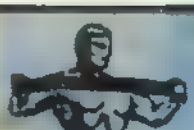

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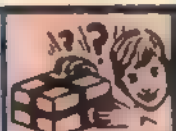

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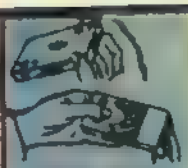

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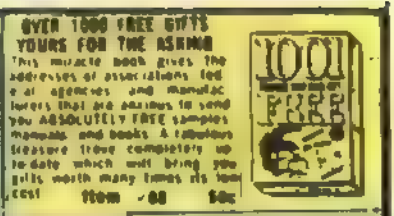

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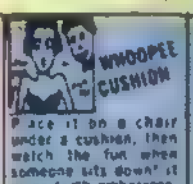

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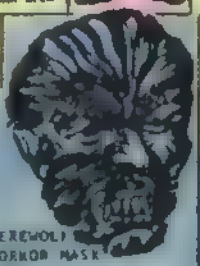

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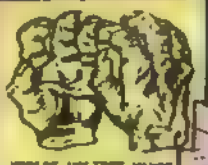

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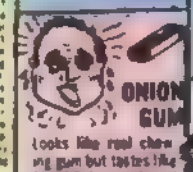

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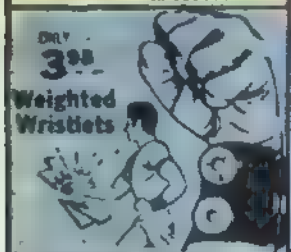

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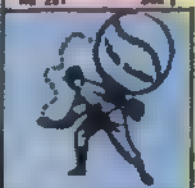

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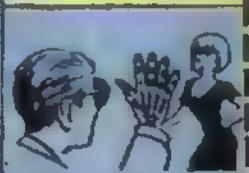

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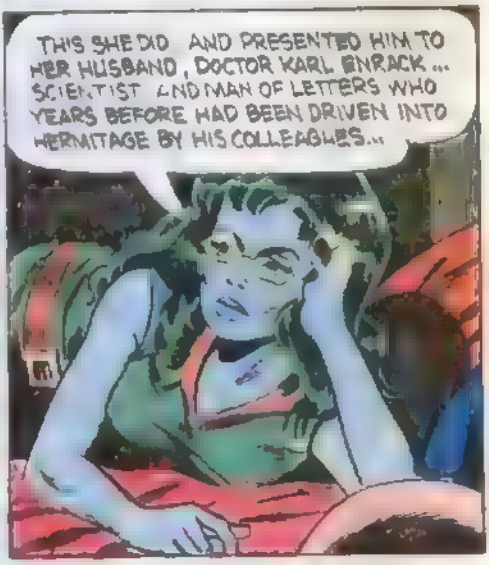
LAY HIM DOWN, WOMAN! THIS MATTER WE WILL SETTLE NOW!
NO! THE POOR BABE HAS DONE NOTHING.
HE'S COMING WITH ME!
AND HE'LL NOT BE HARMED SO LONG AS I DRAW BREATH!
WELL THAT WON'T BE MUCH LONGER YOU YOU.
STAY YOUR HAND, GARRIN! I FEEL THIS IS SOMETHING TO FEAR...
THEY ARE TWO OF A KIND...
A VERY EVIL KIND..
TRULY, THIS IS A DAY FOR TREMBLING.
3.

AS VERONNA MADE HER WAY BACK TO THE PROTECTION OF THE CASTLE FORTRESS THAT WAS HER HOME, THE TINY CHARGE WRITHING SILENTLY IN HER ARMS GREW HEAVY AND SHE TIRED QUICKLY...
IT'S...IT'S GETTING UNUSUALLY WINDY ALL OF A SUDDEN!

AND COLD...CHILLING TO TO THE BONE...
GOT TO GET THIS CHILD INSIDE...


THIS SHE DID AND PRESENTED HIM TO HER HUSBAND, DOCTOR KARL ENRACK... SCIENTIST AND MAN OF LETTERS WHO YEARS BEFORE HAD BEEN DRIVEN INTO HERMITAGE BY HIS COLLEAGUES...

..AND HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR ME, HE WOULD HAVE BEEN MURDERED..
BURN THOSE RAGS AND LET US FIND CLEAN BLANKETS..
LET US LOOK UPON HIM...

GOOD LORD!
HE...IS A STRANGE LOOKING CHILD...

YES... BUT WHAT ELSE CAN BE DONE? HE WAS BEEN DESERTED... WE, TOO, CANNOT TURN HIM OUT TO DIE
BESIDES..
OURS IS A LONELY LIFE. LET US SHARE WHAT WE CAN WITH THIS ABANDONED CHILD..
OF COURSE, LOVE... PERHAPS HE HAS FOUND HOME.
THEIR DECISION WAS MADE ..WHEN SUDDENLY, A FREEZING BLAST, SMELLING FAINTLY OF SULFER, RIPPED THROUGH THE OPEN WINDOW..
MAYBE A STORM IS ON THE WAY! LET US CLOSE THE SHUTTERS AND PUT MORE WOOD ON THE FIRE.
THIS IS ALL SO STRANGE... WHAT KIND OF PARENT WOULD...
OH NO!
HONEY! LOOK! HE SEEMS SO STILL!
HMM ...HIS TEMPERATURE SEEMS HIGH. MY BAG'S IN THE CABINET.. WE CAN'T LET ANYTHING HAPPEN TO HIM NOW!!

THE GOOD DOCTOR TRIES MANY HEALING DRUGS AND MEDICAL TECHNIQUES, BUT ALAS..
I DON'T UNDERSTAND.. HE RESPONDS TO NONE OF THE INDICATED MEDICINES...
..IT'S ALMOST AS THOUGH HIS CHEMISTRY IS SOMEHOW, WELL, DIFFERENT!
OH, KARL- I'M FRIGHTENED..
I'LL GET HIM DOWN TO THE LABORATORY.. PERHAPS I CAN DO SOMETHING!
CAN YOU HELP HIM?
I'M NOT CERTAIN, VERONNA... BUT WITH LUCK, THIS NIGHT MY "INFERNAL MACHINES" AND "UNHOLY DEVICES" SHALL SAVE A YOUNG LIFE...
TURN ON THE GENERATOR.. THERE CAN BE NO DELAY...

BUT THE ICY WINDS INCREASED..BITTER AND ICY GALES...SO ACRID THEY BURNED THE EYES...AND OF SUCH FORCE, THE VILLAGERS FEARED FOR THEIR HOMES...
THE ACCURSED ENRICK AND HIS WIFE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS!
SOMETHING MUST BE DONE!!
WE SHOULD HAVE DESTROYED THE EVIL INFANT WHEN WE HAD THE CHANCE! NOW I FEAR WE'LL ALL DIE!!
WITH DIABOLICAL SUDDENESS, A TREMOR TEARS THE SMALL DWELLING...
THE WIND..! SHAKING THE WALLS!
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!
OUR HOUSES ARE COLLAPSING! TAKE REFUGE IN THE CELLARS!!

..WHILE DEEP WITHIN THE BOWELS OF THE CASTLE THE WORK IS COMPLETED..
IT IS DONE WITHIN THAT INCUBATOR THE ATMOSPHERE TEMPERATURE AND PRESSURE ARE PERFECTLY CONTROLLED I'VE DONE ALL I CAN.
NOW ALL WE CAN DO IS WAIT!
OH LORD PLEASE DON'T LET HIM DIE.
HUSH, VERONNA YOU MUST BE TIRED LET ME TAKE YOU UPSTAIRS

IF THERE'S ANY CHANGE E'ER WE KNOW PLEASE- I CAN...
OF COURSE, I WILL... DON'T WORRY... JUST TRY TO REST...
I DON'T WANT HER TO BE ANXIOUS BUT THERE'S SOMETHING VERY PECULIAR ABOUT THAT BABY
SOMETHING I DON'T UNDERSTAND... ALMOST. FRIGHTENING!

...EVEN HIS APPEARANCE... ALMOST...SATANIC...
...AND WHERE DID HE COME FROM? WHO WOULD DESERT A TINY CHILD IN THE STREET?
...AND MOST IMPORTANTLY WHAT WOULD POSSESS VERONNA TO RISK HER LIFE FOR HIS? EVEN I FEEL STRANGELY COMPELLED TO PRESERVE HIS LIFE...
I'LL CHECK HIM NOW. MAYBE MORE CAN BE LEARNED..
ZAAT
WHAT WAS THAT CRASH? AND THAT SMELL AGAIN...LIKE BURNING SULPHER.
IT CAME FROM THE LABORATORY!

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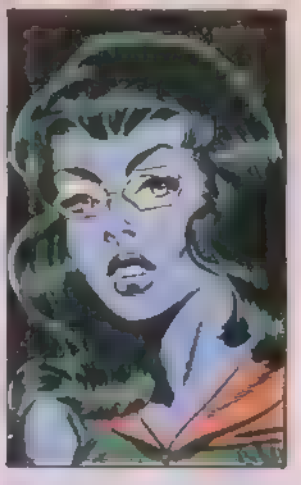
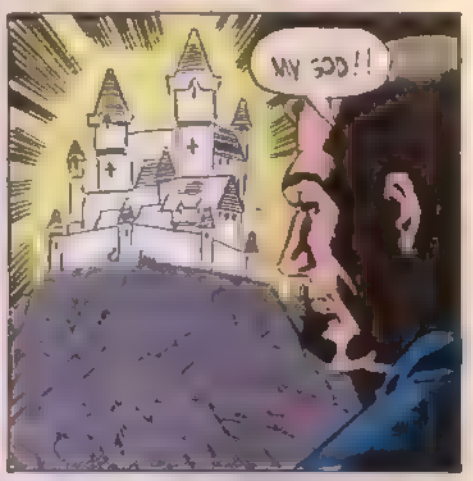
GOOD LORD! KARL!!
KARL . KARL . WHAT HAPPENED ! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT ?!
I..I DON'T KNOW.. SOMETHING MUST HAVE SHORTED OUT.. BURNED ME ...
BUT ...WHAT'S GOING ON HERE..? I'VE GOT TO SIT DOWN ...AND THINK ...
10

AND DOWN BELOW, AS THE WINDS GROW EVER COLDER SHARPER AND THE STENCH EVER MORE STIFLING. THE VILLAGER'S FRENZY REACHES A FEVERED HEIGHT..
HOW MUCH LONGER CAN THIS GO ON? DO WE STAY IN OUR CELLARS TIL WE STARVE? OR FREEZE?
I SAY IT'S THE MAD ENRACK AND HIS CHILD OF EVIL!
MAYBE IT'S STILL NOT TOO LATE!
WE'VE GOT TO GO UP THERE AND STOP HIM WHILE WE STILL CAN... EXECUTE THAT THING AND PUT AN END TO THIS MADNESS FOR GOOD!
YES YES!
LET'S GO!
THEIR DEEPEST FEARS AND PASSIONS WERE AROUSED AND A HUGE MOB WAS QUICKLY FORMED..
WE'VE GOT TO PROTECT OURSELVES! WE'LL PUT THAT CASTLE TO THE TORCH AND LEAVE IT IN RUINS!
WE SHOULD HAVE DONE THIS LONG AGO!

BUT THE THRONG, BENT ON ITS MISSION OF DESTRUCTION, BRAVED THE FOUL CONDITIONS...WHEN FROM THE CASTLE CAME A BLINDING FLASH... NOT LIGHTENING, BUT FIRE...AND THE SMELL OF BRIMSTONE BECAME ALMOST OVERPOWERING...





THEY CAME TO THE DOOR .. FIVE INCHES OF SOLID OAK. BUT A MADNESS HAD FALLEN UPON THE LAND...AND IN THAT MADNESS THEY FOUND NEW FURY..
BREAK IT DOWN!!
FIND WHERE THEY'RE HIDING! AND GET THAT BABY! THEY'VE GOT TO BE HERE SOME PLACE!
IT SO HOT...CAN'T YOU DO SOMETHING!?
IN HERE!!
OH, NO NO NO.
HEY WHERE'S THAT SMOKE COMING FROM?
13.

WITHOUT WARNING, THE ROOM FILLED WITH THICK CLOUDS OF YELLOW SMOKE, AND AGAIN THE UNMISTAKABLE SMELL OF BRIMSTONE AND ABOVE THIS MELEE A RASPING VOICE...
HEAR ME, MORTALS!
I HAVE RETURNED FOR MY CHILD.. YOU WILL DELIVER HIM TO ME UNHURT WITHOUT DELAY!!
YES, YES.. RIGHT AWAY.. HE'S DOWN HERE..
WE.. TRIED TO TAKE CARE OF H.M .DID THE BEST WE COULD .I HOPE HE'S ALL RIGHT.

HE WILL BE FINE.. YOU ARE VERY FORTUNATE.
FAREWELL.. UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN
HA-HA!
DO YOU KNOW WHO THAT WAS? (GULP). SUPPOSE WE HAD DONE WHAT WE CAME HERE TO DO...
I'M GETTING OUT OF HERE!
THEY'RE GONE NOW, KARL
OH VERONNA. THE PAIN IS GONE... MY STRENGTH IS RETURNING..
IF NOT FOR YOU. WHO CAN SAY WHAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED
HOLD ME, KARL...
WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?
FOR ONE THING WE'RE
15.

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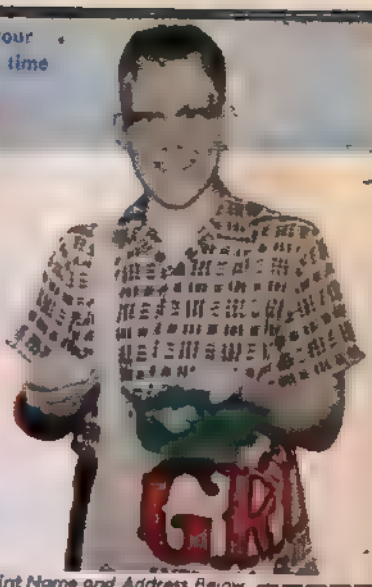

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WE'LL SETTLE DOWN AND HAVE SOME CHILDREN OF OUR OWN...
NICE CHILDREN
OH, KARL..
LET'S GO, HONEY..I MEAN TONIGHT.. RIGHT NOW! WE'LL LEAVE EVERYTHING AND JUST GET OUT, THIS IS A PLACE OF SURPASSING EVIL!
BUT WHAT OF THE OTHERS? DO YOU THINK THEY'LL CHANGE?
APPARENTLY HE DIDN'T THINK SO. REMEMBER HIS WORDS..?
"UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN"?
END

DID I DIE?

I wish to state that I feel highly honored being asked to address the members of the International Psychical Research Association. I notice the TV cameras and I have been told that my talk will be broadcasted all over the world. And I can well realize that I shall receive many letters about my talk and my most unusual experience. There are times when I say to myself: "Walter Deenigan, did it really happen?"

We start with Jimmy Ollens, my son's friend. He is here in the audience with his father, Thomas Ollens. Jimmy was flying a kite. It became entangled in an overhead wire. He asked me to help him get it down. That is how it all started. I got a ladder from my garage. Put it up against the wall of his home and climbed up to free the kite. That was the last thing I remember before I was shocked by the loose high tension wire that struck me.

Now for the facts as evidenced by those participating in trying to keep me alive. When I hit the ground I was dead. My heart had stopped and no breathing. Jimmy ran for his father who is a volunteer fireman in our community. So Mr. Ollens began to work on me at once. Then Mrs. Ollens called the fire department. They came over within five minutes. Then came the ambulance from Mercy Hospital and two police county rescue cars.

For six hours they worked over me. My heart kept pumping blood throughout my system. Several times the Hospital doctor wanted to take me away since he pronounced me dead. Sure, I was dead. But did I die? Put it another way, just what happened to me during that period of time? I had the sensation of leaving my body. I actually saw myself on the ground with several men around me. Then my spirit, if that is what you wish to call it, started to go upward. Soon I was over the city. I crossed the river that separates our state from its neighbor.

I crossed Mt. Simpkin on its straight side. Which no man had climbed up to that time. I seemed to hover around it. Then I saw a cave. I entered that cave. There were large animal bones on the floor. It is important to bear in mind what later took place. When I talked about this with Professor Hendricks, he made a sensible suggestion.

"We can send up a helicopter with you in it. Point out the cave entrance. We can get a man into it."

As you all know, this was done and the bones recovered. Identified as a prehistoric animal called Dionsyphus. Dr. Mellon has suggested only two possible explanations for what I saw: Either it was some kind of vision while I was on the ground. Or my spirit actually did travel and I saw it on my journey.

Which brings me to that journey of mine. I went upwards and upwards. Surrounded by clouds and a strange kind of light. Something between purple and orange. Then I stopped. I noticed several shadowy figures surround me. I never touched them nor did they touch me. But I definitely heard a voice say:

"He doesn't belong here! I tell you we have no right to keep him here. Send him back."

Then there was another voice answering that voice. It sounded rather harsh.

"He's here. So we keep him here. Where does it say in the regulations that we can return him so he stays alive? Look, we got him sooner or later. I say we keep him!"

Dr. Andrews, the famous psychiatrist has made this possible explanation to me. There is a human resistance to Death. While in that unconscious state-if that is what you want to call it-my subconscious mind was resisting death. Death was calling and Life was calling. Or, I really was up there. Take your choice.

Next thing I knew I was descending. Faster and faster and then slowing up. Finally I came back to where I was on the ground. I heard one person speak:

"We have done everything for him. You can't bring back a dead man. If I thought it could be done, rest assured I would work as long as you or any other man worked here."

At that moment, I knew I had to get into my body in a hurry. Which I did and then I opened my eyes and spoke these words:

"What happened?"

You can ask me all the questions you may wish to give me for answers. But what I have told you is all I can remember. There is the possibility that other events took place and that they were blotted out from my memory. Who knows? Perhaps some time in the future these events, if they did take place, shall return to me. But at present, I am most curious. Did I die? Anyway I am very happy to be alive and be able to talk to all of you.

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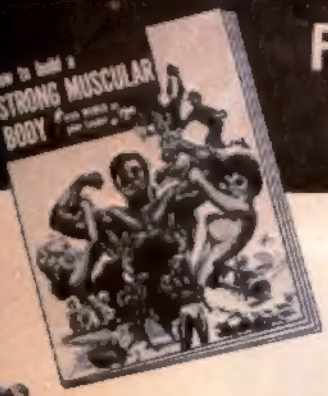

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